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This Plum has been exhibited, during the last two seasons, in some of the shops of our London Seedsmen, from Mr. Ross of the *Caledonian Nursery* at *Newington*, to whom the author is indebted for specimens, under the name of the *Caledonian Plum*. The title now given, was suggested by the Fruit Committee of the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, as expressive of the peculiar character and appearance of the fruit, which so much resembles a Nectarine in size and colour, that many persons have at first sight mistaken them; besides which, the fruit has been exposed for sale in *Covent-Garden Market* as the *Nectarine Plum*. The change of name will not be attended with confusion, after this explanation.

The trees of this variety are exuberantly productive, and appear to be vigorous and healthy; succeeding well as standards, or when trained. The fruit, which is produced in clusters, is very large, nearly round, a little compressed at each end, slightly furrowed or cleft. The skin is very acid and pungent, of an intense red colour, inclining to dull purple when ripe, having a slight delicate bloom or meal when grown in a good exposure; but when deprived of this, it assumes the rich sombre hue of a dark *Newington Nectarine*. The flesh is greenish yellow, of a rather firm consistence, but well flavoured, resembling the *Orleans Plum*.